GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:401
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2016
Solar Cities
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for inclusion of cities under the 'Development of Solar Cities' programme;

(b) the names of the cities which have been included and those likely to be included under the Programme, State-wise;

(c) the details of facilities provided to such cities; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent under the Programme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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Statement

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 401 to be answered on 15-12-2016 regarding 'Solar Cities'.
The requisite information in reply to the Question, part-wise, is as under:

(a): Under 'Development of Solar Cities Programme,' the criteria fixed for inclusion of cities is:

(i) Cities/towns will have population between 50,000 to 50 lakh including the floating population while the cities with less population, located in North-Eastern & Hilly States, Islands & Union Territories may also be considered, on case to case basis, on merit.

(ii) At-least one city in each State will be included and up to a maximum of seven cities in any one State.

The programme encourages cities with high level of commitment towards adoption of sustainable energies, initiatives and regulatory measures taken to promote renewable energy & energy conservation and willingness to provide resources, financial share and sustenance of activities initiated under the programme.

(b): The names of the cities included under Development of Solar Cities Programme, State-wise, are given in Annexure-I.

(c): Under this Programme, Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is provided for:

(i) Upto ?50 lakh for each solar city, out of which upto ?10 lakh is for preparation of Master Plan along with Detailed Project Reports, upto ?10 lakh for oversight of its implementation, upto ?10 lakh for setting up and functioning of Solar City Cells and upto ?20 lakh for organizing promotional activities, trainings, workshops, study tours and augmenting the activities of Solar City Cell in the city.

(ii) Financial support upto ?9.50 crore is available to 8 Model Solar Cities and upto ?2.50 crore to 15 Pilot Solar Cities for setting up of renewable energy projects/systems/devices, provided that an equal amount will be made available by the concerned Municipal Corporation/City Administration/State or from any other resources. The CFA pattern will be as applicable in the CFA of various schemes/programmes of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) for Model and Pilot Solar Cities. The other solar cities will get CFA as per provisions under various schemes/programmes of the MNRE.

(d): The details of funds allocated and released during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, are given in Annexure-II.

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